(a) the number of freedom fighters from Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh who had applied for pension to his ministry till December, 2007 and the number of applications rejected therefrom with reasons therefor;

(b) the number of applications, which were rejected merely on the ground that they were sent/received in the department late;

(c) the number of cases wherein Telangana Freedom Fighters Association has recommended Freedom Fighters pension, allowing for delay; and

(d) by when the pension to these real freedom fighters will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Approximately 54,989 applications for grant of Samman pension were received from the people of Andhra Pradesh, including those from Telangana region, till 31.12.2007. Out of this, pension was sanctioned in 14,573 cases and claims in the remaining cases were rejected, *inter alia*, on the ground of non-fulfilment of the eligibility conditions and evidentiary requirements prescribed under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980. In addition, approximately 14,868 cases (which include about 3400 sanctioned cases) relating to Hyderabad Liberation Movement, including cases recommended by the Hyderabad Special Screening Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri C.H. Rajeshwara Rao, are under reverification by Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

(b) The time limit prescribed for submission of applications for grant of pension was removed in compliance with the judgment dated 14.5.1993 passed by the Supreme Court of India in the case of Mukund Lal Bhandari and Others *vs* Union of India and Others and no claim for grant of pension has been rejected thereafter on the ground of being time-barred.

(c) As per the provisions of the Scheme, applications for grant of pension are required to be submitted though the respective State Governments. Therefore, no data of applications recommended by various associations, including the Telagana Freedom Fighters Association, has been maintained.

(d) Finalization of cases relating to Hyderabad Liberation Movement, which are under re-verification, depends on receipt of re-verification reports from the State Governments and recommendation of the Screening Committee of Eminent Freedom Fighters constituted for this purpose.

Red Corridor of Maoists from Andhra Pradesh to Nepal

†1784. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maoists have built a "Red Corridor" from Andhra Pradesh to Nepal;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the States to which the above corridor is connected;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several Maoists are lodged in the jails of these States;

(d) if so, the number of Maoists lodged in the jails of each State;

(e) whether it is also a fact that foreign nationals efforts are on at diplomatic level to get these Maoists released from the jails; and

(f) if so, the names of the foreign nationals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Law and order is a State subject. Therefore, all cases of crime are registered, investigated and prosecuted by the State Governments. Arrest of wanted criminals and granting of bail to them is a process which lies in the domain of the concerned State Government.

(e) and (f) There are no inputs to suggest any diplomatic initiatives for getting the Maoists released from jails.

Placing officers of financial expertise to uncover terrorist acts

1785. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission has recently recommended that a protocol be arrived at between concerned Union and State Governments for the placement of officers with expertise in financial investigations to uncover financing of terrorist acts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the money route of terrorists would be crushed to check their activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) to (d) The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) in its Eighth Report titled '*Combatting terrorism protecting by Righteousness*' have, *inter-alia*, made various recommendations in respect of measures against financing of terrorism, which, *inter-alia*, include, setting up of dedicated teams within the agencies responsible for investigating into the offences relating to terrorism and capacity building for this purpose, and a protocol with the States towards this end. The recommendations of the ARC have been examined. Various legislative and administrative measures have been taken/and are proposed to be taken, to curb